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Application of: Erhard LIEBIG

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:


Pursuant to Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby invites the Examiner's attention to the 3 references listed on the enclosed revised Form PTO-1449, copies of which are provided herewith. A copy of the International Search Report for the corresponding PCT application No. PCT/IB02/03570 also is provided herewith, along with a copy of the corresponding EP search report.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review all of the references and make them of record in the present application by completing and returning the enclosed revised Form PTO-1449.

As this statement is being submitted before the first Office Action or within three months of the filing date, no fee is believed to be due. Should any fees be required, however, please charge such fees to Collier Shannon Scott Deposit Account No. 03-2469.

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<b>LIST OF REFERENCES CITED BY APPLICANT</b> (Use several sheets if necessary)	ATTY DOCKET NO. <b>61277-60009</b>	APPLICATION NO <b>Unassigned</b>
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### U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	A01	5,476,525	12/1995	Bekedam	55	218	

### FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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							YES (*Abstract only)	NO
	B01	WO 83/02402	07/1983	PCT			X	
	B02	EP 0 359 735 B1	03/1990	EPO			X*	

### OTHER REFERENCES *(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)*


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